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of products from these cells

Examiner: Vera Afremova

Art Unit: 1651

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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<X> Response to Restriction Requirement.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

This is in response to a Restriction Requirement, mailed on October 25, 2005 and setting a statutory period for response of one month, said period expiring on November 25, 2005.

The Office Action states that Restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

- I. Claims 1 to 10
- II. Claims 11-18 and 23
- III. Claims 19 – 22

Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement.

Applicants select the claims 1 to 10 of group I. to be examined at this time.

The Office Action continues that the inventions are distinct, each from the other.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims as classified in the Office Action fall into class 435 and therefore should be examined together.

It is noted in particular that claims 1 to 10 are classified as a method for cultivation cells at high densities and that claims 19 to 22 are classified as a method for generating products by culturing cells at high densities in an apparatus for cultivation cells at high densities.

Applicants urge that claim 1 also recites the “obtaining of products”.

Therefore, the allegation in the Office Action that claims 19 to 22 are distinguished from claims 1 to 10 by “generating products” is clearly not a feature distinguishing claims 19 to 22.

Claim 1 requires entering of the cells of high density into a cultivation chamber.


Therefore, the allegation in the Office Action that claims 19 to 22 are distinguished from claims 1 to 10 by "in an apparatus for cultivation cells at high densities" is clearly not a feature distinguishing claims 19 to 22, since the cultivation chamber of claims 1 to 10 is certainly an apparatus for cultivation.

The Office Action further alleges that the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their classification. Applicants urge that all claims belong to class 435 according to the Office Action.

Applicants comply with the above-stated restriction requirement by selecting claims 1 to 10 in group I to be examined.

Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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